

Clinical Laboratory Supplementary Reporting & Specimen Submission Guidelines

San Diego County Community Epidemiology Division & Public Health Laboratory

In addition to laboratory reporting and culture referral required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2505, 2612 and 2628, clinical laboratories in San Diego County are also requested to report and/or submit the following:

Please use the Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) form to report the following to the Community Epidemiology Division:
Phone (619) 515-6620, Fax (619) 515-6644

- *Neisseria meningitidis* isolated from blood or CSF (please also submit specimen to Public Health Lab)
- *Shigella* species (please also submit specimen to Public Health Lab)
- *Campylobacter* species
- *Giardia* species
- Invasive Group A streptococci isolated from sterile sites or wound/skin infections

Please submit the following microorganisms to the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory for further testing*:
Phone (619) 692-8500, Fax (619) 692-8558

- *Neisseria meningitidis* isolated from blood or CSF (please also report to Community Epidemiology Division)
- *Shigella* species (please also report to Community Epidemiology Division)
- *E. coli* O157
- *Vibrio* species
- *Yersinia* species
- Quinolone resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

***NOTE:** For positive influenza test results, please contact Jill Giesick at phone (619) 692-8500 or fax (619) 692-8558.

How to Submit a Sample:

The following information should be submitted with the culture:

- The name, address, and date of birth of the person from whom the specimen was obtained
- The patient identification number
- The specimen accession number or other unique specimen identifier
- The date the specimen was obtained from the patient
- The name, address, and telephone number of the health care provider who ordered the test
- For bacterial cultures for identification, please use lab form Lab-17a. For tuberculosis isolates use form Lab-6CI and for tuberculosis cultures use form Lab-6. A legible copy of a laboratory report containing all of the above information is satisfactory if you don't have the correct form. To request forms and/or mailers, contact the Public Health Laboratory at (619) 692-8500.

NOTE: All laboratory notifications are acquired in confidence. Patient information and reporting source are confidential.

Packaging and Shipping Information

All samples submitted to the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory must comply with all applicable U.S. Postal Service, DOT or IATA requirements (i.e. packaged, labeled and documented as per applicable regulations).

Laboratory Telephone Number: **(619) 692-8500**

Laboratory FAX Number: (619) 692-8558

Mailing Address (w/ Mail Stop): San Diego County Public Health Laboratory
3851 Rosecrans St.
MS-P511M
P.O. Box 85222
San Diego, CA
92186-5222

NOTE: Special forms or clinical history are required for the following tests: Bartonella, Botulism, Hantavirus, Hepatitis E, Lyme Disease, West Nile Virus, and White Water Arroyo virus. Contact the Public Health Laboratory for further details.

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